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Town Officers

For the Municipal Year of 1917

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

EDWIN W. MALLETT

JAMES C. PURINTON

W. M. WILLIAMS

TOWN CLERK

M. C. HALL

COLLECTOR

E. H. PHINNEY

TREASURER

E. H. PHINNEY

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

CHARLES H. ALEXANDER

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JOHN A. CONE

AUDITOR

CHARLES I. GIVEEN

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

WILLIAM S. ROGERS

WALTER M. WILLIAMS

CHARLES I. GIVEEN

Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Topsham herewith submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending Feb. 1, 1918.

Valuation of taxable property April 1, 1917:

Real Estate, resident	\$ 874,901 00
Real Estate, non-resident	346,988 00
Personal Estate, resident	264,251 00
Personal Estate, non-resident	3,920 00
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	\$1,490,060 00

Number of taxable polls, 460.

Rate of taxation, 22 mills.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1917

State Tax	\$9,615 14	
County Tax	3,329 80	
	<hr/>	\$12,944 94

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and Bridges	\$4,000 00
Cathance Road, near residence of W. B. Staples	375 00
Cathance Road, near Cathance Sta- tion	250 00
Bridge Street	350 00
Prospect Street	150 00
Goodwin Road	100 00
State Aid Road	798 00
Pleasant Street	150 00

Oak Hill Road	100 00	
Summer Street	1,000 00	
Meadow Road	350 00	
Guptil Road	350 00	
Fore Side Road	200 00	
Main Street Sidewalk	500 00	
Cathance Road, near Bowdoinham town line	100 00	
Fire Department	400 00	
Electric Lights	1,200 00	
Common Schools	2,200 00	
Free High School	2,000 00	
School Repairs and Supplies	700 00	
School Books and Supplies	700 00	
Industrial Education	300 00	
Brunswick Public Library	75 00	
Interest Charges	500 00	
Abatements	100 00	
Poor, Aid of Soldiers	500 00	
Moths	100 00	
Contingent Expenses	1,200 00	
Town Hall	200 00	
Water Rentals	800 00	
Memorial Day	25 00	
		<hr/> \$19,773 00
Overlay		1,443 38
		<hr/> \$34,161 32

ABATEMENTS

Damasse Belanger, sick	\$ 3 00
M. G. Powers, property not had	1 65
Arthur Menard, property not had	2 20
Allison P. Furbish, property not had	2 20
Fred LaRock, property not had	1 10
J. H. Machette, property not had	4 40
E. H. Phinney, Col. 1915 tax	15 23

E. H. Phinney, Col. 1916 tax	28 58	
E. H. Phinney, Col. 1917 tax	6 85	
	<hr/>	\$65 21
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918		253 68
		<hr/>
		\$318 89

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$218 89	
Appropriation	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$318 89

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paid Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	\$ 12 00	
Orren Colby, Clerk, payroll and Wilson fire	125 50	
Maine Central R. R. Co., freight	1 25	
Sargent Scribner, forest fire	70	
E. D. Phinney, forest fire	60	
Edwin White, forest fire	60	
Henry K. Barns Co., hose	263 98	
American Express Co.	83	
J. W. McMillan, supplies	2 72	
F. W. Atkinson, painting	35 00	
Milton Ward, forest fire	80	
Brunswick & Topsham Water Dist.	2 00	
M. C. Hall, insurance	37 20	
Sam'l Strand, forest fire	2 00	
Ralph Mallett, forest fire	80	
Wm. & C. A. Graves, forest fire	1 50	
G. H. Staples, fuel	8 00	
W. A. Dolloff, forest fire	80	
American La France Fire Engine Co.	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$547 28
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918		264 17
		<hr/>
		\$811 45

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$394 45	
D. & C. E. Scribner Co., fire extinguisher	17 00	
Appropriation	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$811 45

CONTINGENCIES

Paid J. A. Cone, Superintendent of Schools	\$ 399 96
W. P. W. Purinton and others, Board of Health, salary and expenses	34 43
Florian Lamarre, hens killed	2 55
Wm. Brilliant, hens killed	2 25
Mrs. Geo. Preble, hens killed	4 50
Albert Ward, sheep killed	12 00
F. E. Daggett, hens killed	30 00
E. W. Mallett, balance salary and expenses 1916	130 22
E. W. Mallett, salary in part 1917	150 00
Jas. C. Purinton, balance salary and expenses 1916	106 00
Jas. C. Purinton, salary in part 1917	125 00
Jas. C. Purinton, tax deeds	1 10
W. M. Williams, balance salary and expenses 1916	175 56
W. M. Williams, salary in part 1917	142 50
E. H. Phinney, 2% commission on tax collected	662 75
E. H. Phinney, salary as Treas'r	45 00
E. H. Phinney, posting warrants and expenses	9 00
E. H. Phinney, property sold for tax	55 81

M. C. Hall, salary Town Clerk	25 00
M. C. Hall, oaths, vital statistics, etc.	50 74
C. I. Giveen, Auditor	10 00
F. W. Atkinson, police and other expenses	15 75
New England Supply Co., print- ing reports and office supplies	77 58
Thos. St. Lawrence, police	1 00
Arthur Barrett, school census	5 00
Arthur Lemarre, Jr., school census	5 77
Alexis Dufresne, police	8 00
C. E. Colby, police	12 00
D. S. Colby, police	6 00
Alton Ames, police	6 00
C. W. P. Foss, vital statistics	9 00
H. O. Curtis, vital statistics	1 75
C. H. Cumston, vital statistics	17 25
Wilson's Pharmacy, fumigation supplies	5 95
Wheeler's Print Shop	1 25
Rev. F. C. Wright, reporting marriages	2 75
Roger Williams, moving building	22 50
Loring, Short & Harmon, office supplies	11 00
Wheeler & Howe, legal advice	2 00
State Treasurer, dog tax	86 00
N. G. Curtis, Ballot Clerk	2 50
W. S. Noyes, Truant Officer	1 50
Walter H. Foster, \$1,000 note of Jan. 23, 1915	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$3,474 92
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	1,313 58
	<hr/> \$4,788 50

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$1,277 09	
C. S. Newell, property redeemed	39 54	
State Treasurer, burial old soldiers	105 00	
State Treasurer, domestic animals killed	90 90	
M. C. Hall, dog licenses	83 00	
E. H. Phinney, dog licenses	2 00	
C. E. Colby, auto license	26 00	
State Treasurer, dog licenses re-funded	45 81	
State Treasurer, R.R. and Tel. tax	125 40	
E. H. Phinney, Prest property re-deemed	33 86	
E. H. Phinney, overlay	1,443 38	
E. H. Phinney, supplemental tax	315 52	
Mrs. J. C. Cornish, license	1 00	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
		\$4,788 50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Paid J. L. Foster	\$ 8 00
J. W. Cornish, supplies	2 10
Frank Allen	32 85
W. P. W. Purinton	25
E. J. Small, snow plow, etc.	35 20
Ed. Peters	2 50
E. W. Mallett	4 50
F. A. Colby & Son	17 57
L. A. Barnes	2 50
A. J. Lyons, machine work	13 31
Louis Leavitt	5 00
Jas. A. Tarr	4 00
Edward Atkins	50
W. J. White	18 25
E. K. Merrill	32 50
W. F. Tate	23 00

E. H. Phinney	44 20
D. S. Colby	2 20
Geo. Groves	1 00
Geo. Bernier	1 80
Chas. Goud	33 72
Ernest Eaton	9 62
Chas. Leavitt	53 50
H. S. Small	295 75
Harold Groves	35 87
Ralph Peters	1 00
Earl Leavitt	58 50
C. H. Alexander	277 19
Geo. Dugas	94 00
C. H. Barnes	18 50
Sam'l Strand	1 34
Alexis Dufresne	1 20
Ella M. Hunter, team	17 50
State Treasurer, patrol maintenance	546 00
Geo. Hildreth	3 00
J. C. Whittier	6 82
A. J. Hildreth	5 88
F. L. Hovey	2 00
Carr Bros.	69 50
E. B. Sprague	2 00
John Bryant	2 00
Wm. Metcalf	3 00
W. R. Roberts	2 75
F. B. Meserve	20 00
Maine Feldspar Co., rock	4 37
E. C. Patten	59 75
Ed. E. White	18 00
Sargent Scribner	17 70
G. A. Hunter	1 00
J. W. McMillan	4 66
E. R. Tedford	90
Francis Howland	5 50

Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville	
St. R. R. in payment of new	
bridge	800 00
G. B. Ridley & Sons	30 96
Eugene Rogers	39 50
Geo. Carter	30 83
Wm. Foster	26 20
W. A. Alexander	41 13
E. D. Phinney	1 50
Letus Lavoire	7 60
R. J. Patten	73 00
W. O. Powers	1 00
Hiram Ward	15 20
David Thompson	2 00
Milton Ward	1 20
A. P. Alexander	5 00
Mrs. Benj. Harding	40
Walter Cox	11 55
W. R. Hildreth	17 71
Horace J. Whitney	14 00
W. O. Adams	13 01
D. W. Abbott	10 50
W. S. Cash	1 68
Fred Eaton	1 00
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	\$3,106 73

SNOW

Paid J. L. Foster	\$ 2 00
Frank Allen	2 00
Edwin Rogers	1 00
M. A. Luce	2 00
Ella M. Hunter, team	4 25
N. G. Curtis and others	40 90
L. H. White and others	47 78
Ray Hanson	3 00
Clarence Young	3 00
Geo. Furbish	3 20

Eugene Rogers	6 75
J. O. Lavoire	1 20
Wm. Dunning	1 77
Fred M. French	4 89
Walter Foster and others	22 00
John Tarbox	4 50
Carr Bros.	21 09
Leters Lavoire	17 95
John Fleming	2 62
Ray Leavitt	1 80
John Leavitt	9 00
W. H. Haley & Son	8 75
W. S. Rogers	1 40
Clarence Hanson	5 50
E. W. Mallett	4 00
Ed. J. Peters	4 37
Ralph Peters	1 75
Earl Leavitt	3 00
Horace Whitney	4 50
Henry Cannon	1 75
Harry Grady	6 10
John Whittier	3 30
H. S. Cary	3 60
E. H. Gilpatric	4 60
E. Y. Shaw	4 80
A. R. Hunter and others	25 81
Walter Cox	10 73
Chas. Rackley	7 75
Wm. Foster	2 00
Roger Williams	1 00
H. C. Edgecomb	12 00
W. A. Alexander & Son	8 30
R. J. Patten	3 77
Sam'l Strand	60
F. B. Meserve	7 60
Chas. Furbish	3 40
Everett Furbish	3 40

Ralph Mallett	4 00	
A. J. Hildreth	14 00	
Ralph Williams	12 00	
W. O. Adams	2 40	
Anson Crocker	1 00	
E. C. Patten	24 30	
Wm. & C. A. Graves	7 10	
C. H. Cary	8 20	
Geo. Hildreth	4 00	
C. H. Barnes	13 50	
Clarence Peters	2 00	
A. E. Ames	20 00	
E. B. Sprague	16 88	
L. T. Williams	14 50	
E. K. Merrill	20 00	
W. F. Tate	7 60	
A. G. Utecht	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$523 11

MAIN STREET WALK, EAST SIDE

Paid Geo. Carter	\$12 34	
John Gamache	24 67	
C. H. Alexander	18 75	
Arthur McKay	15 42	
Jas. Smith	12 92	
G. B. Ridley & Sons	39 60	
C. F. Wilson	19 50	
	<hr/>	\$143 20

LABOR ON PATROL ROADS

Paid Harry Grady	\$ 5 00
Eugene Rogers	15 00
C. R. Hanson	10 00
John Fleming	3 00
Forrest Higgins	28 25
Geo. Dugas	49 75
E. R. Tedford	5 50

E. W. Mallett	19 50	
Clarence Hanson	6 75	
W. A. Alexander	12 50	
E. C. Patten	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$166 25

MAINTENANCE TAN YARD HILL

Paid H. S. Small	\$ 5 00	
Horace Groves	1 75	
C. H. Alexander	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$9 25

CUTTING BUSHES AT R. R. CROSSINGS

Paid C. H. Alexander	\$ 8 75	
Jas. Tarr	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$15 25
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		\$3,925 88

Transferred to State Aid Road to balance account	\$143 75	
Transferred to Bridge St.	12 18	
Transferred to Oak Hill Road	39 52	
Transferred to Main St. sidewalk	7 10	
Transferred to Muddy River Road	4 27	
Transferred to Guptil Road	34	
Transferred to Meadow Road	74 36	
Transferred to Meserve Hill Special	24 08	
	<hr/>	\$305 60
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918		300 20
		<hr/>
		\$4,531 68

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$ 311 97
Rec'd L. A. & W. St. R. R., plank- ing bridge	96 87
J. A. Cone, cement	1 20

Geo. Dugas and Forrest Higgins, checks from State Treasurer acct. Mallett Road patrol	56 05	
State Treasurer, acct. work on patrol roads	50 00	
Appropriation	4,000 00	
Transferred from Pleasant St. to balance account	10 57	
Rec'd Roger Williams, acct. cement steps	5 02	
	<hr/>	\$4,531 68

BRIDGE STREET

Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1917	\$119 46	
Paid M.C.R.R. freight on tar	8 80	
The Barrett Co., tar	33 58	
Geo. Carter	24 45	
H. S. Small	69 12	
C. H. Alexander	30 00	
A. P. Alexander	18 00	
Alfred Jack	15 40	
G. L. Quint	5 00	
W. A. Alexander & Son	8 12	
C. P. Sawyer	1 50	
Tel. Lapointe, wood	6 00	
Forrest Higgins	7 50	
Walter Foster	11 25	
J. H. Rouseau, Agt., clay	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$362 18

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$350 00	
Transferred from Highway Acct. to balance	12 18	
	<hr/>	\$362 18

OAK HILL ROAD

Paid E. Y. Shaw and others	\$160 82
Ralph Williams	6 00

H. B. Martin	12 50	
Geo. Staples, gravel and labor	91 50	
C. A. Graves	10 50	
A. G. Utecht	2 62	
E. H. Gilpatric	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$287 94

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$148 42	
Appropriation	100 00	
Transferred from Highway to bal- ance account	39 52	
	<hr/>	\$287 94

MAIN STREET WALK

Paid Sargent Scribner	\$25 33	
E. E. White	25 33	
H. S. Small	20 00	
Arthur McKay	42 64	
John Gamache	68 77	
Jas. Smith	37 64	
Geo. Carter	30 55	
C. H. Alexander	41 25	
G. B. Ridley & Sons, cement, etc.	164 30	
Stephen Litchfield, engineering	5 50	
W. A. Alexander & Son	10 50	
W. R. Hildreth, lumber	30 29	
E. C. Patten	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$507 10

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Transferred from Highway to bal- ance account	7 10	
	<hr/>	\$507 10

MUDDY RIVER ROAD

Paid E. C. Peters	\$ 3 32	
Eugene Rogers	31 62	

W. A. Foster	34 37	
Ray Hanson	16 00	
Clarence Peters	2 00	
Amelia S. Hunter, gravel	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 31

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$93 04	
Transferred from Highway to balance account	4 27	
	<hr/>	\$97 31

STATE AID ROAD

Paid Maine Central R. R.	\$ 1 21
Clifton Douglas	27 00
Fred Eaton	142 71
Chas. Leavitt	29 50
A. P. Alexander	17 00
H. S. Small	95 50
Earl Leavitt	38 50
Steven Ambrose	10 00
G. A. Hunter	64 00
A. O. Manwaring	141 75
Geo. Carter	19 00
C. F. Wilson	64 50
Maynard Tarr	122 84
J. L. Foster	117 00
W. A. Foster	19 50
Ray Leavitt	6 00
G. B. Ridley & Sons	61 78
Amelia S. Hunter, gravel	10 00
Louis Leavitt	2 00
M. A. Luce, gravel	47 50
A. R. Hunter	88 62
North East Metal Culvert Co.	44 20
C. H. Alexander	58 50
W. P. W. Purinton, rock	18 20

W. M. Williams	21 00	
E. W. Mallett	61 50	
W. J. White	137 75	
E. C. Patten	70 25	
G. L. Quint	77 82	
	<hr/>	\$1,615 13

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$798 00	
Rec'd from State Treasurer	673 38	
Transferred from Highway to bal- ance account	143 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,615 13

GOODWIN ROAD

Paid Geo. Dugas	\$ 5 00	
W. A. Alexander	5 00	
Hiram Ward	6 00	
W. J. White	5 50	
E. W. Mallett	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 24 00
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	76 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

CREDIT

By appropriation	\$100 00
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GUPTIL ROAD

Paid Geo. Dugas	\$ 94 39	
W. A. Alexander & Son	4 00	
Forrest Higgins	53 75	
Ralph Williams	21 25	
Frank Allen	3 00	
R. J. Patten, gravel and team	87 20	
E. C. Patten	62 50	
W. J. White	23 00	
E. W. Mallett	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$350 34

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$350 00	
Transferred from Highway to balance account	34	
		\$350 34

PROSPECT STREET

Paid H. S. Small	\$ 44 25	
A. P. Alexander	11 00	
Geo. Carter	12 00	
Alfred Jack	7 80	
G. L. Quint	21 87	
C. H. Alexander	25 00	
Fred Eaton	16 25	
W. A. Alexander & Son	20 01	
Geo. Dugas	11 25	
Forrest Higgins	11 25	
W. J. White	9 37	
J. H. Rousseau, Agt., clay	8 00	
	\$198 05	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	108 68	
		\$306 73

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$156 73	
Appropriation	150 00	
		\$306 73

MEADOW ROAD

Paid W. A. Alexander	\$ 61 50
David Thompson	6 00
Geo. Dugas	71 00
R. J. Patten, gravel and team	106 50
Hiram Ward	22 00
Sam'l Strand	22 24
Forrest Higgins	22 00
Frank Allen	24 00

E. C. Patten	30 50	
W. J. White	5 50	
E. H. Phinney	53 12	
	<hr/>	\$424 36

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$350 00	
Transferred from Highway to bal- ance account	74 36	
	<hr/>	\$424 36

CATHANCE ROAD, NEAR BOWDOINHAM LINE

Paid Anson Crocker	\$ 6 00	
North East Metal Culvert Co.	23 40	
F. B. Meserve	38 18	
H. J. Whitney	56 50	
	<hr/>	\$124 08

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Transferred from Highway to bal- ance account	24 08	
	<hr/>	\$124 08

PLEASANT STREET

Paid Clifton Douglass	\$ 1 50	
H. S. Small	81 38	
Fred Eaton	68 25	
Louis Leavitt	25 50	
C. H. Alexander	38 75	
Geo. Carter	14 50	
G. A. Hunter	17 30	
P. G. Alexander	11 25	
W. J. White	8 73	
H. O. Curtis, clay	7 52	
D. S. Colby, grade stakes	1 00	
W. M. Williams	7 50	

Stephen Litchfield, engineering	5 00	
E. W. Mallett	1 25	
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	\$289 43	
Transferred from Highway to balance account	10 57	
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		\$300 00

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$150 00	
Appropriation	150 00	
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		\$300 00

CATHANCE ROAD NEAR STATION

Paid G. A. Hunter	\$ 5 00	
Fred Eaton	1 00	
A. O. Manwaring	15 00	
J. L. Foster	6 00	
Jas. A. Tarr	3 00	
Eugene Rogers	15 00	
Wm. Foster	13 50	
A. R. Hunter	5 31	
C. H. Alexander	7 50	
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	\$ 71 31	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	178 69	
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		\$250 00

CREDIT

Appropriation		\$250 00
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CATHANCE ROAD NEAR RESIDENCE W. B. STAPLES

Paid F. B. Meserve	\$22 50	
H. J. Whitney	19 50	
H. G. Powers	38 61	
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	\$ 80 61	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	294 39	
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		\$375 00

CREDIT

Appropriation	\$375 00
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FORESIDE ROAD

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$200 00
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$200 00
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SUMMER STREET

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	\$1,000 00
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
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COMMON SCHOOLS

TEACHING

Paid Ethel T. Allen	\$410 00
Janie Mountfort	180 00
Belle Warren	180 00
Frances Rideout	33 00
Hazel Carr	162 00
Elizabeth Curtis	63 00
Marion Strout	558 00
Alice Longley	378 00
Josephine Bartlett	189 00
Mildred Edwards	256 50
Elizabeth Purinton	371 00
Ethel Cushman	311 00
Nellie Hatch	108 00
Annie Williams	311 00
Clare P. Hussey	27 60
Hortense Ward	133 90
Mary Hanson	312 00
Nellie Ricker	403 00
Helen Varney	100 00
Ella M. Hunter	274 00

Minnie L. Douglass	99 00	
Alma White	8 00	
Florence Neiley	216 00	
Eva B. Soule	153 00	
Jessie M. Tarr	180 00	
Ruth S. Ridley	171 00	
Belle Hutton	40 00	
Lois Stover	44 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,672 00

CARE

Paid Frank Brawn	\$ 72 00	
E. E. White	68 25	
Walter Moore	5 50	
Elizabeth Curtis	2 75	
Mary Hanson	11 20	
Carl Hanson	18 00	
Ethel Cushman	10 45	
Francis Howland	8 25	
Mrs. Samuel Graves	7 20	
Rosa Belanger	27 10	
Minnie Douglass	2 75	
Carl Given	5 78	
Julia Grover	5 75	
E. D. Phinney	63 50	
Richard Smith	1 00	
Laurence Dugas	5 50	
Eva B. Soule	2 45	
Raymond Foster	2 45	
	<hr/>	\$319 88

FUEL

Paid W. S. Rogers	\$237 45
Tel. Lapointe	26 00
E. W. Mallett	10 75
Brunswick Coal Co.	4 00
C. E. Meserve	29 00

Ralph Williams	15 00	
R. J. Patten	105 27	
Ray Hanson	2 50	
W. B. Staples	23 00	
Roger Williams	3 00	
Arthur Graves	3 00	
Geo. Dugas	38 25	
N. G. Curtis	16 00	
Ralph Mallett	3 98	
E. C. Patten	30 75	
Ella M. Hunter	22 00	
Davis Bros.	5 00	
W. J. White	9 00	
C. H. Barnes	103 00	
	<hr/>	\$686 95

TRANSPORTATION

Paid Edward Atkins	\$382 00	
Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville		
St. R. R.	132 00	
Dana Grover	48 00	
Mrs. A. C. Edgecomb	17 50	
Roger Williams	70 00	
Mrs. Eugene Rogers	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$719 50
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		\$7,398 33
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918		301 75
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		\$7,700 08

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$1,152 62
Rec'd Harold Bickford, tuition	3 00
State Treas. School and Mill Fund	1,872 81
State Treas. Common School Fund	2,433 54
Pejepscot Societies, rent	4 75

E. H. Phinney, Treas., interest		
School Fund	33 36	
Appropriation	2,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,700 08

HIGH SCHOOL

Paid Francis Garland	\$549 98	
Fred I. Bartlett	425 00	
Jennie M. Reed	619 29	
Adeline E. Drew	510 43	
N. U. McConaughy	3 00	
W. S. Rogers, fuel	100 00	
E. E. White, care	13 50	
E. D. Phinney, care	17 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,238 70
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	332 87	
	<hr/>	\$2,571 57

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$ 71 57	
Appropriation	2,000 00	
Rec'd State Treasurer	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,571 57

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

Paid C. G. Wheeler	\$274 97	
M. C. Hall, insurance	16 85	
New Brunswick Lumber Co.	8 45	
Benj. L. Furbish	6 39	
Ralph Eaton, care	15 50	
G. B. Ridley & Sons, supplies		
Manual Training	36 70	
J. M. Nickerson, supplies	8 25	
Edwards & Walker Co.	1 90	
J. D. Wallace & Co.	53 50	
W. J. White, fuel	4 50	
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	8 34	

J. A. Purinton, trucking	4 48	
D. S. Colby	13 30	
S. T. Brown	4 47	
Mary S. Byrne	290 72	
G. B. Ridley & Sons, supplies		
Domestic Science	2 15	
Mary S. Byrne, supplies	13 90	
J. W. Cornish, supplies	2 94	
T. A. Field	2 00	
Richard Smith	1 50	
W. O. Powers, supplies	6 84	
J. F. Will Co., supplies	3 75	
H. L. Varney	5 25	
J. W. McMillan	10 18	
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	\$796 83	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	281 65	
	<hr/>	\$1,078 48

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$389 60	
Appropriation	300 00	
Rec'd from State Treasurer	388 88	
	<hr/>	\$1,078 48

SCHOOL REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES

Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1917	\$ 12 87	
Paid Wm. E. Gordon	18 80	
G. B. Ridley & Sons	147 46	
E. E. White	1 50	
Frank Brawn	1 02	
W. O. Powers	3 35	
Brunswick & Topsham Water		
District	2 00	
W. F. Senter	4 93	
J. W. McMillan	4 95	
B. L. Furbish	8 50	
M. C. Hall, insurance	135 40	

C. L. Farnham & Co.	63 00	
M. C. Railroad Co.	1 80	
John Gamache	4 00	
Rosa Belanger	8 55	
B. S. Luce	46 50	
Mrs. H. Pagurker	11 95	
Richard Smith	21 00	
Gilbert Cox	61 00	
C. F. Wilson	20 65	
Mrs. Horace Wilson	4 00	
Hall Bros.	87 95	
Cyrus Keay	3 40	
Dirigo Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	11 25	
Town of Brunswick, school desks	3 00	
Annie A. Williams	30	
W. S. Cash	7 20	
D. & C. E. Scribner Co.	6 45	
W. F. Atkinson	8 44	
Ethel M. Cushman	1 85	
W. F. Tate	18 00	
Carl Hanson	2 00	
D. S. Colby	16 80	
C. A. Warren	2 50	
Geo. Atwood	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$757 37

CREDIT

Rec'd E. D. Phinney, old wire	\$ 1 50	
Appropriation	700 00	
Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1918	55 87	
	<hr/>	\$757 37

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Paid Harper & Bros.	\$ 8 25
Chas. Scribner Sons	13 23
Brunswick Pub. Co.	14 25
G. W. Putnam Sons	17 06

Geo. H. Doran Co.	5 12
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	22 04
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	24 80
The MacMillan Co.	45 65
Ginn & Co.	66 41
Milton Bradley & Co.	6 60
M. G. Strout	5 76
D. Appleton & Co.	9 00
Atkinson, Mentzor & Co.	9 90
Little, Brown & Co.	27 43
Kenney Bros. & Walkins	16 14
School & Home Co.	2 27
The Frontier Press Co.	6 50
E. P. Dutton Co.	3 10
Howard & Brown	13 90
American Book Co.	67 60
J. A. Cone	6 55
E. E. Babb & Co.	29 47
Silver, Burdette & Co.	31 62
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	13 95
Lyons & Carnahan	10 67
Masury, Young & Co.	16 50
J. L. Hammett & Co.	53 05
March Bros.	12 74
Nelson Doubleday	6 50
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	15 14
H. A. Wales Co.	11 75
Doubleday, Page & Co.	12 00
Scott, Foresman Co.	68
F. M. Chandler & Sons	7 65
R. H. White & Co.	5 61
H. D. Lovell, graduation music two years	30 00
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	\$648 89
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	68 06
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	\$716 95

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$ 16 95	
Appropriation	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$716 95

MOTHS

Paid E. Y. Shaw	\$ 1 60	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	347 14	
	<hr/>	\$348 74

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$240 74	
Appropriation	100 00	
Rec'd Mary Winchell acc't moth '16	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$348 74

POOR ACCOUNT

Paid Catherine Levesque	\$ 59 00	
Town of Brunswick, Mrs. Mac. Levesque	18 00	
Town of Brunswick, Adelard Thibault	35 80	
M. Parent, Adelard Thibault	12 00	
P. A. Morin, Mrs. Arthur Tardiff	82 00	
D. & C. E. Scribner Co., grass seed, town farm	1 92	
Dr. C. H. Cumston, medical assistance, Mrs. Carter	2 00	
Katie Taylor, Mrs. Carter	2 00	
W. O. Powers, groceries, Mrs. Carter	64 55	
W. O. Powers, groceries, David Thompson	15 15	
City of Auburn, Wm. Grady	39 32	
Sag. Mut. Fire Ins. Co., poor farm	3 50	
C. A. Lemieux, Adelard Thibault	12 32	

SOLDIERS' AID

Paid D. H. Flag, rent, old soldier	\$72 00	
J. W. McMillan, supplies, soldiers and soldier's widow	17 50	
W. S. Rogers, fuel, soldier	11 26	
W. O. Powers, supplies, soldiers and soldier's widow	47 74	
Chas. E. Meserve, fuel, soldier	11 50	
J. F. Cheney, fuel, soldier	7 20	
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	\$514 76	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	929 84	
	<hr/>	\$1,444 60

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$786 60	
Appropriation	500 00	
Rec'd Alton Ames, rent town farm to February, 1918	158 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,444 60

TOWN HALL

Paid J. W. Cornish, supplies	\$ 1 17
B. R. Jordan, supplies	14 14
C. A. Warren, tuning	4 00
Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	30 89
C. E. Colby, care	46 50
Brunswick & Topsham Water District	6 00
N. G. Curtis	1 00
W. P. W. Purinton, repairs	2 50
D. S. Colby, repairs	4 76
G. B. Ridley & Sons, supplies	35 39
G. H. Staples, fuel	17 00
E. W. Mallett, fuel	3 50
W. A. Alexander, carting	2 00

Cyrus Keay, repairs	15 90	
J. W. McMillan, supplies	85	
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	\$185 60	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	181 86	
	<hr/>	\$367 46

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$ 63 96	
Appropriation	200 00	
Rec'd John Ridley, rent	90 00	
Schools, rent	5 00	
Topsham Grange, rent	2 50	
Ladies' Aid	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$367 46

INTEREST

Paid J. O. Meserve	\$ 15 75	
Julia Hildreth	17 50	
W. H. Foster	10 00	
Emma B. Sylvester	17 50	
First Nat. Bank, Brunswick	18 61	
Wm. E. Frost, Trustee, interest on Cong. Society note	24 50	
C. I. Giveen, Treas., interest on Cong. Soc. fund	44 00	
C. G. Wheeler, Treas., interest on Skolfield, Perkins, and Flye funds	19 25	
J. A. Purinton	45 00	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., interest on Mustard fund	102 81	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., interest on School fund	33 36	
	<hr/>	\$348 28
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	664 20	
	<hr/>	\$1,012 48

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$380 72	
Appropriation	500 00	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., interest on bank balances	101 30	
E. H. Phinney, Treas., interest on taxes	30 46	
	<hr/>	\$1,012 48

MUSTARD FUND

Paid Order No. 65	\$ 2 00	
800	6 00	
831	8 00	
885	6 00	
894	20 00	
920	6 96	
931	5 15	
936	5 00	
940	5 00	
941	5 00	
942	5 00	
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	\$ 74 11	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	95 46	
	<hr/>	\$169 57

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	66 76	
Rec'd E. H. Phinney, Treas., inter- est on Fund	102 81	
	<hr/>	\$169 57

WATER RENTALS

Paid Brunswick & Topsham Water District	\$1,250 00	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	221 55	
	<hr/>	\$1,471 55

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$671 55	
Appropriation	800 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,471 55

MEMORIAL DAY

Paid Walter Ross	\$25 00
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$25 00
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LIBRARY

Paid Brunswick Public Library Ass'n	\$75 00
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$75 00
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OLD CEMETERY

Balance overdrawn Feb. 1, 1917	\$3 72	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	7 28	
	<hr/>	\$11 00

CREDIT

Rec'd C. I. Giveen, Treas.	\$11 00
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CARRIE EMUS FUND

Paid C. G. Wheeler, Treas.	\$ 8 08	
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1917	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$208 08
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1916	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1917	8 08	
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MILDRED EVERETT FUND

Paid C. G. Wheeler, Treas.	\$ 8 08	
Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1917	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$208 08

Balance in bank Oct. 1, 1916	\$200 00	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1917	8 08	
	<hr/>	\$208 08

STREET LIGHTING

Paid Bath & Brunswick Lt. & Pr. Co.	\$1,193 80	
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1918	235 11	
	<hr/>	\$1,428 91

CREDIT

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1917	\$ 228 91	
Appropriation	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,428 91

STATE TAX

Paid State Treasurer	\$9,615 14
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$9,615 14
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COUNTY TAX

Paid County Treasurer	\$3,329 80
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CREDIT

Appropriation	\$3,329 80
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TEMPORARY LOANS

Rec'd First Nat'l Bank, Brunswick	\$2,000 00
Paid First Nat'l Bank, Brunswick	2,000 00

NOTES OUTSTANDING

Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1917	\$4,050 00
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CREDIT

Paid Walter Foster, note from Con- tingencies	\$1,000 00	
Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1918	3,050 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,050 00

TOWN LIABILITIES

Notes outstanding Feb. 1, 1918	\$3,050 00	
Mustard Fund	2,937 50	
Cong. Society Fund	1,100 00	
Common School Fund	667 28	
Skolfield Cemetery Fund	200 00	
Perkins' Cemetery Fund	150 00	
Flye Cemetery Fund	200 00	
Money in treasury in excess of		
Liabilities	1,444 49	
	<hr/>	\$9,749 27

RESOURCES

E. H. Phinney, uncollected tax 1916	\$ 142 44	
E. H. Phinney, uncollected tax 1917	642 16	
State Treas., acc't domestic ani-		
mals killed	51 30	
Town of Bowdoinham, acc't D.		
Thompson	15 15	
Due from individuals acc't moths	3 00	
Due from Town of Bowdoinham,		
tuition	36 00	
Supplemental tax, Central Maine		
Light & Power Co., uncollected	61 60	
Cash in treasury	8,797 62	
	<hr/>	\$9,749 27

Because of labor conditions, the Selectmen found it impracticable to expend the money raised by Town to rebuild Summer Street, \$1,000 appropriation; also Fore Side Road, \$200 appropriation. The money is held in the treasury to the credit of these roads. All other Road Appropriations were expended at least in part, and the unexpended balances are held to the credit of the several roads.

Although no money was raised by Town to reduce the permanent debt of the Town, the Selectmen have paid \$1,000 note of W. H. Foster out of money held in treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. MALLETT

JAS. C. PURINTON

W. M. WILLIAMS

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

Report of Treasurer

E. H. PHINNEY, Treasurer, in account with
Town of Topsham.

To balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1917	\$7,949 53
Property redeemed, tax deeds	73 40
Rent of Town Hall	103 50
Burial of old soldiers	105 00
State Treasurer, dog licenses re- funded	90 90
State Treasurer, School and Mill Fund	1,872 81
State Treasurer, Common School Fund	2,333 54
State Treasurer, Free High School	500 00
State Treasurer, Industrial Edu- cation	388 88
State Treasurer, Improved State Roads	673 38
State Treasurer, Highway Dept.	202 92
State Treasurer, Railroad and Telegraph Tax	125 40
John A. Cone, cement	1 20
E. Dana Phinney, old wire	1 50
Auto licenses	26 00
Mrs. J. W. Cornish, license	1 00
Rent Pejepscot school house	4 75
J. C. Purinton, Old Cemetery Fund	11 00
D. & C. E. Scribner Co., cr. Fire Dept.	17 00
Moth nests 1915	8 00

Roger Williams, cr. Highway Dept.	5 02	
Temporary loans	2,000 00	
Interest on Mustard Fund	102 81	
Interest on Carrie Emus Fund	8 08	
Interest on Mildred Edwards Fund	8 08	
Interest on School Fund	33 36	
Harold Bickford, tuition	3 00	
Dog licenses	85 00	
Rent of Town Farm	158 00	
State Treasurer, dog licenses re-funded	45 81	
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1915	164 64	
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1916	409 84	
E. H. Phinney, Coll. taxes 1917	33,519 16	
E. H. Phinney, supplemental tax	315 52	
E. H. Phinney, interest on over due taxes and bank balances	131 76	
		<hr/> \$51,579 79

CREDIT

By Town orders paid from Feb. 1, 1917 to Feb. 1, 1918	\$42,782 17	
Balance in Treasury Feb. 1, 1918	8,797 62	
		<hr/> \$51,579 79

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT

E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1915

Balance due Feb. 1, 1917	\$164 64	
Paid Treasurer	164 64	
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E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1916

Balance due Feb. 1, 1917	\$552 28	
Paid Treasurer	409 84	
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Balance due Feb. 1, 1918	\$142 44	
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E. H. Phinney, Collector, 1917

Total commitment	\$34,161 32	
Paid Treasurer	<u>33,519 16</u>	
Balance due Feb. 1, 1918		\$642 16

UNCOLLECTED TAXES OF 1916

Brickett, Frank	\$ 3 00
Bouchard, Fred	2 60
Colby, James W.	3 00
Paid	3 00
Cornish, J. W.	8 40
Contras, Desire	3 00
Clourtier, Joseph	3 00
Dionne, Ernest	3 00
Fox, Henry	3 00
Godreau, Clarence	3 00
Guerette, Batiste	3 00
Gamache, Joseph	3 00
Hunter, Elgin, Jr.	3 00
Hunter, Linwood	3 00
Leavitt, John	5 10
Libba, Amide	3 00
Lebonte, Fred	3 00
Lebel, Emile	3 00
Letarte, J. B.	3 00
Levesque, Victor	3 00
Libby, Adelard	3 00
Mutty, John	3 00
Paid	3 00
Normand, Leonce	3 00
Pellitier, Joseph	3 00
Portras, Leonce	3 00
Pasquale, Lazarra	3 00
Prince, Elmer	3 00
Robinson, Willard	3 00
Paid	23 10

Paid	5 63
Simmons, John	4 05
Trufant, Geo. O.	5 63
Wilson, Samuel	3 00
Allen, F. H.	2 94
Pellitier, Alfred	3 15
Simpson, Addie	84
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	\$142 44

UNPAID TAXES OF 1917

Avery, Joseph	\$ 3 00
Adams, Parker	3 00
Bartlett, Clarence	3 00
Bernier, Camille	3 00
Bernier, Amide	3 00
Berry, H. L.	3 00
Brickett, Frank	3 00
Belanger, Mitchel	3 00
Curtis, Geo. K.	3 00
Curtis, Joseph	3 00
Chandler, Maurice	3 00
Paid	20 06
Paid	3 00
Curtis, S. C.	15 66
Paid	3 30
Cornish, J. W.	6 60
Coffin, Harry	3 00
Cloutier, Treffle	3 00
Paid	3 00
Desjardin, Fred	3 00
DePalmer, Frank	14 00
Dunning, Evelyn	5 50
Edwards, Mrs. Edward	2 20
Furbish, Melvin	3 00
French, Robt.	3 00
Flagg, John	3 00
Fox, Henry	3 00

Godreau, Clarence	3 00
Guerette, Batiste	3 00
Gamach, Joseph	3 00
Gamach, Napoleon	3 00
Hyde, Louis	3 00
Hunter, Linwood	3 00
Hubbard, Fred	6 30
Leavitt, John	5 20
Leavitt, Ellis	4 10
Lavoire, Albert	3 00
Libba, Leonce	3 00
Libba, Amide	3 00
Lachance, Alcide	3 00
Lebonte, Fred	5 76
Levesque, Alphonse	3 00
Libby, Aleck	3 00
Lincoln, John	3 00
Michaud, Adolph	3 00
Belanger, Demasse	16 76
McMillin, J. W.	4 94
Morrill, Arthur C.	33 80
Michaud, Adolph	3 00
McIver, Paris	4 10
Paid	5 76
Merrill, E. K.	12 48
Merrill, Leon	3 00
Mutty, John	3 00
Mallett, E. B.	3 00
Marshall, John	3 00
McGuiness, Edw. L.	3 00
Newell, Charles S.	4 10
Paid	4 10
Noyes, Frank	3 00
Purinton, W. P. W.	96 46
Peters, John F.	3 00
Prest, Chas. A.	3 00
Prince, Elmer	3 00

Pellitier, Joseph	3 00
Prest, Samuel	3 00
Powers, Thomas	3 00
Roberts, Agnes & J. H.	12 68
Roberts, Geo. A.	6 30
Robinson, Willard	4 66
	23 10
	5 76
Staples, Otis	56
Sandon, Alfred	3 00
Paid	3 00
Stone, Lawrence	3 00
Sawyer, William	3 00
Trufant, Geo. O.	6 30
Trufant, Cyrus	3 00
Trembley, Charles	38 20
Thibault, Adelard	3 00
Paid	3 00
Wilson, Elmira	19 80
Paid	3 30
White, Ralph	3 00
Williams, Herbert L.	3 00
Walsh, William	3 00
Pellitier, Alfred	3 30
Paid	2 20
Paid	8 80
Paid	4 56
Paid	24 20
Paid	20 06
Ward, Harold	3 00
Ward, Leman	4 40
Paid	8 80
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Total	\$642 16

Auditor's Report

Topsham, Me., Feb. 9, 1918

The accounts of the Selectmen as Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and the accounts of E. H. Phinney, Treasurer, have been examined and found correct and expenditures properly vouched.

The list of uncollected taxes has been verified, and the Collector has credit on the Treasurer's account for the amount collected.

CHARLES I. GIVEEN,
Auditor.

School Report

To the Citizens of Topsham :

I herewith submit my annual report of the condition of the public schools of Topsham. This is the ninth report since the organization of the Brunswick-Topsham School District.

Although the conditions during the past year have in many respects been especially trying, the schools of Topsham have been maintained with few interruptions. The severe cold of the early winter months, the deep snows, and the very irregular service given by the L. A. & W. electric car line, have all contributed to make the school attendance somewhat irregular. Contagious diseases have not been unusually prevalent. In the Mallett district, however, two or three cases of diphtheria caused the school there to be closed for a short time. With this exception, all the schools have been maintained the usual number of weeks.

While many towns in Maine have been obliged to lengthen vacations or to close schools altogether, by reason of a lack of fuel, Topsham school officials were fortunate in securing early in the season the usual supply of wood and coal.

One rural school has been closed during the year. The Haley school failed to maintain the average attendance required by law, and so the few pupils remaining in that district have been transported to the village or are attending at Pejepscot.

HIGH SCHOOL

At the close of the spring term Mr. Francis T. Garland resigned his position as principal of the High School and entered the United States Army. The vacancy

caused by this resignation was filled by the election of Mr. Frederick O. Bartlett of Rockland, a graduate of Bowdoin College, class of 1917. Miss Jennie M. Reed and Miss Adeline E. Drew have both been retained as assistants.

The school is smaller at present than it has been for the past fifteen years. The average attendance for last term was 26.

Last June a class numbering eleven was graduated from the school. The program of the graduating exercises was as follows:

Prayer, Rev. F. C. Wright

Music

Salutatory, — Essay, The Modern Weapon of the Vandals
Clarence Milton Haley

Essay, Our Southern Mountaineers

*Marion Isabelle Ward

Class History Elizabeth Jane Mallett

Music

Essay, The Virgin Islands Kenneth Ernest Hall

Essay, LaFrance et L'Amerique Alice Louise Williams

Essay, Camp Fire Girls of America

Myrtle Sarah Isabelle French

Music

Short Story, The Story of Marjory Gray

Bertha Mabel Wilson

Essay, Relief Work in Belgium

Irene Mildred White

Class Prophecy

Edwin Leroy Rogers

Music

Presentation of Gifts

Mary Dunning Noyes

Essay, Stevenson, the Optimist, — Valedictory

Edward Everett White

Music

Presentation of Diplomas

Singing of Class Ode

Benediction

*Excused

An article in the warrant for the next annual meeting will provide, if the citizens think it advisable, for the closing of the Topsham High School for one year, beginning next September, and the sending of Topsham pupils to the Brunswick High School at the expense of the town.

It should be stated here that this plan did not originate with the school authorities, but was first proposed by some of the citizens of the town on the ground of economy. The financial saving to the town would probably be from thirteen to fifteen hundred dollars a year; depending, of course, on the number of pupils sent. The cost of maintaining the Topsham High School for one year, if the school is kept in the A class, must be about twenty-five hundred dollars. This amount includes salaries of teachers, books and supplies and laboratory equipment. The five hundred dollars which is received annually from the state would reduce the cost to two thousand dollars.

The tuition at Brunswick is thirty dollars a pupil. On the basis of forty pupils this would amount to twelve hundred dollars. The state, however, would still continue to pay back to Topsham five hundred dollars of this amount, making the net cost to the town seven hundred dollars. Subtracting this from two thousand dollars, leaves thirteen hundred dollars as the amount actually saved each year by Topsham if it should decide to close its High School. If fewer than forty should attend, the expense would be correspondingly lessened. For example, if thirty pupils should be sent instead of forty, the saving to the town would be sixteen hundred dollars per year.

In addition to the financial saving to the town the pupils would have the advantage of a commercial course should they desire it. To establish such a course in Topsham would necessitate the employment of an additional teacher and the expenditure of a considerable sum for equipment.

Another argument in favor of the change is that extra room will be needed in the village building if more pupils are brought from Pejepscot into the grammar school.

It may be well to state here that this change in connection with the High School is strongly urged by the State High School Inspector.

The school officials of the town are disposed neither to recommend nor to discourage the proposed change. The superintendent has been asked to make in this report such a statement of the matter as would assist the voters of the town to decide the question definitely at the next town meeting. It should be understood that the change, if made, is not necessarily a permanent one. The question must be decided each year by the citizens of Topsham.

VILLAGE GRADES

The superintendent wishes again to call attention to the high standard maintained in the village grades. Excellent discipline is maintained, a high standard of scholarship is required, and the relations between teachers and pupils are friendly and calculated to produce good results without friction or protest. Term after term passes with scarcely a complaint from parents and very few cases of discipline or of fault-finding reach the superintendent for adjustment.

Miss Marion G. Strout remains as principal of the Grammar School and Miss Ethel T. Allen as assistant.

At the close of the term in June, Miss Mildred F. Edwards, who has been principal of the Intermediate School for several years, was given a leave of absence for one year. Her place has been filled by Miss Florence Neiley of Bath. Miss Josephine Bartlett has been retained as half-time assistant in the intermediate department.

The Primary School has been under the management of Miss Elizabeth K. Purinton for the entire year.

The following pupils of the Grammar School were granted diplomas last June:

Clyde Gowell Patten	Willard John Parker
Florence Gertrude	Harland Clifford Leighton
Chapman	Arnold Albert Hessel
Madalene Ethelyn Barker	Ralph William Eaton
Alden Herbert Turner	Helen Leah Hunter
Marion Ruth Leighton	Arthur Scott Avery
Mildred Lena Tarr	Olive Lucy Tarr
Elinor Frances Scribner	Isaac Henry Bartlett
Margaret Mary Whitney	Dana Herbert Grover
Helen Randolph Johnson	Mara Elizabeth Dunning

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

On account of the increase in cost of labor and material, it has been the policy of the school officials to make only those repairs which seemed absolutely necessary for the comfort of pupils and teachers or for the preservation of school property. Sanitary conditions have been carefully looked after, and soap and water have been freely used to make school rooms as cleanly as possible.

A new hard wood floor was laid over the old spruce floor at Cathance, the ceiling whitened, and other minor repairs made.

The painting of the outside of the village school building was completed last summer. It will be remembered that this work was begun last year, but was not completed for lack of sufficient appropriation.

At Pejepscot the ceilings were whitened and the walls of all the rooms were tinted and other repairs made.

The front of the Manual Training Building (old town hall) was painted.

Minor repairs have been made at Topsham Heights, the Branch and at the Middlesex school houses.

Among the repairs which will need attention during the coming year are a new floor at the Branch school

house; the roof shingled at Topsham Heights; a new stove at the Mallett district, and new closets at Cathance.

SIGHT AND HEARING TEST

In accordance with the requirements of the State Educational Department, the annual test of sight and hearing has been given the pupils with the following results:

Number of pupils examined	341
Number with defective hearing	8
Number with defective eyesight	18
Number of parents notified	19

CONDITIONS AT PEJEPSCOT

For several years past in each annual report, the superintendent has called attention to the fact that more room is needed for the schools at Pejepsot. The need has now become imperative and so can not longer be delayed.

The school building at Pejepsot consists of two rooms, and each room was intended to seat about thirty-five pupils. At the present time the building contains about one hundred eight boys and girls, and this number is accommodated only at great inconvenience to teachers and pupils. There are sixty-four in the primary room alone.

Four years ago a section of the main hall was partitioned off for a recitation room, but this is now wholly inadequate. A room at least 25 by 30 feet may be added to the present building for the accommodation of the 1st and 2nd grades. A conservative estimate places the cost of the room with its furnishings at from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars.

The only alternative to adding a new school room to the building would be the transportation of all four grammar grades to the village schools at the expense of the town. Two of these grades are being transported at

the present time. On account of the high cost of lumber and of all building material at the present time, the latter plan would prove far less expensive to the town, and at the same time, the pupils of Pejepscot of grammar grades, would receive the advantages of the course in domestic science and the work in manual training which can not be given in schools outside the village for lack of room and proper equipment.

SPECIAL TEACHERS

The work of the four special teachers has been carried on the present season much as it was last year. Pupils have been making excellent progress in all the four departments. The exhibition of drawing made by the children of the grades at the Sagadahoc Fair last October was highly creditable to the teacher, Miss Varney, and to the pupils of the various grades. The premiums, about twelve dollars, were used in the purchase of a set of "Nature Books," a much needed addition to the school library. The work in music is now thoroughly systematized, and instruction is given at Pejepscot and Topsham Heights, as well as in the village grades.

The work in manual training has been along practical lines. Considerable work has been done in the direction of furnishing needed equipment for the schools. This includes the making of a large cupboard, several book-cases, reference cases and several footstools.

Developing the physical side of the boys certainly is as important in war time as in peace, and work is being continued on playground apparatus. Three pieces of apparatus are now ready for use, and work upon others has been begun. When completed these will form a good outfit, similar to that in use in all progressive places, and provided at a cost much less (merely the expense of the materials) than that at which playground apparatus can be bought.

A beginning has been made with concrete work. This will be continued during the warm months.

Improvement in the shop equipment has been made during the year, allowing more up-to-date methods with better quality of work. This makes it practicable for the department to do various things for the schools which it could not otherwise do so well or so cheaply.

The collection of articles manufactured by the boys which was exhibited at Topsham Fair, was awarded the first prize.

At the beginning of the school year in September the superintendent asked the teacher of domestic science to arrange the work of her department to correspond, as far as possible, with the recommendations of the Food Commissioner. To what extent this course has been followed may be ascertained by reading the following report:

MR. JOHN A. CONE,
Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:—Domestic Science has now been a part of the regular work of the grammar school for seven years. This year our program has been subject to such changes as seemed most desirable under war conditions, and Topsham citizens may be interested in knowing some of the things the girls have been doing.

The first lessons in September were on the Cold Pack Method of canning fruits and vegetables and excited much enthusiasm. Each girl brought her own jar and the fruit or vegetable with which to fill it. Among the foods canned were string beans, shelled beans, tomatoes, corn, beets, peas, carrots, pears, peaches, plums and apples. The results were most satisfactory.

Besides the canning, apple jelly, grape jelly and grape marmalade were made.

The second subject to receive great attention was War Breads. Griddle cakes, muffins, biscuits, brown and yeast breads were made with rye meal, corn meal, oat

meal, bran, and graham flour substituted for part of the white flour.

Very little sugar, since the canning lessons, has been used. Christmas candies were made with molasses, popped corn, fruits, nuts, and chocolate and were as palatable as when sugar was the principal ingredient.

Fruit cake was made by the ninth grade before Thanksgiving, but other than that no cake has been on the list. Cookies of various kinds have been made.

Vegetable as well as animal fats have been used. To illustrate how every particle may be of value, trimmings from the marketman's scrap box were rendered, clarified, and made into soap. The clean, white fat obtained from what was apparently refuse made a marked impression and no doubt "conservation of fats" will have an added significance.

Food values are being considered as much as possible in order that the classes may understand the correct substitutes for the sugar, fat, and protein which must be considered.

Formerly all our substitutions had as their object the saving of money. This year the first aim is conservation of food rather than of money and for that reason much less time is being spent in working out the cost of the finished product. Later in the year the recipes will be reviewed in recitations and the cost of each one found, for it is often very helpful to know exactly how much was spent for a cake or a loaf of bread.

The regular program is being followed as much as possible.

SEWING

The classes in sewing are working diligently both in school and at home.

Knitting was introduced in September and was received with such favor that early in November the girls of Topsham and Brunswick were able to present the

Brunswick Chapter of the Red Cross with a knitted quilt. The knitting was almost entirely home work.

With the exception of the work on yarn it seemed best to keep to the routine of former years until January when the classes were privileged to work on layettes for the French and Belgian refugees.

This is a wonderful opportunity. The girls are learning to cut from patterns, make the various articles of clothing, and at the same time are taking an active part in relieving the discomfort of helpless little ones.

Parents and teachers have taken a most gratifying interest in every phase of the work of this department and their co-operation has been to pupils and instructor the source of renewed pleasure, effort, and inspiration.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY S. BYRNE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It is, perhaps, needless to remind the citizens of the town of the great increase in the cost of all necessities of life. This increase in cost is especially marked in connection with school supplies and building materials. Paint, oil, glass, hardware and all kinds of lumber have advanced from 25 to 50 percent. Add to the cost of material the additional increase in the cost of labor, and a condition is evident that makes the building or the repairing of school houses very expensive. The advance in the price of wood and coal has been at least 40 percent. All the materials used inside the school room—such as chalk, paper, erasers, books, etc. has advanced from 10 to 300 percent, while an advance in teachers' salaries has been absolutely necessary if competent teachers are to be retained.

The teachers have cooperated with the superintendent in an effort during the past year, to apply the same principles of economy in connection with the use of school material that we have been asked to apply to the

use of other necessities of life. Waste has, as far as possible, been eliminated, and only those supplies have been purchased that are absolutely essential for efficient progress.

There seems, however, no reason to expect at present any decrease in the cost of fuel or school supplies, and this will make an increase in the appropriation for common schools absolutely necessary.

I wish here to express my continued appreciation of the loyal support given me by the School Committee, and of the hearty spirit of cooperation shown by the teachers in all my efforts to meet wisely the many perplexing problems which have come to me during the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. CONE,

Superintendent of Schools.

W. S. ROGERS	}	School Committee.
W. M. WILLIAMS		
C. I. GIVEEN		

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Common Schools	\$3,200 00
High School	2,000 00
Books and Supplies	600 00
Repairs and Supplies	800 00
Domestic Science and Manual Training	400 00
Brunswick Public Library	75 00

School Statistics

For Year Ending July 1, 1917

Number in town between the ages of 5 and 21; boys, 313; girls, 269; total, 582.

Enrollment in schools; boys, 170; girls, 185; total, 355.

Enrollment in village schools; boys, 115; girls, 117; total, 232.

Enrollment in rural schools; boys, 55; girls, 68; total, 123.

HIGH SCHOOL

Principal, Francis T. Garland; Assistants, Miss Jennie Reed, Miss Adeline Drew.

Enrollment for year; boys, 20; girls, 17; total, 37.

Number registered, fall term, 37. Average, 34.

Number registered, winter term, 33. Average, 30.

Number registered, spring term, 32. Average, 28.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Principal, Marion G. Strout; Assistant, Ethel T. Allen.

Enrollment for year; boys, 25; girls, 30; total, 55.

Number registered, fall term, 49. Average, 45.

Number registered, winter term, 47. Average, 43.

Number registered, spring term, 51. Average, 43.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Principal, Mildred F. Edwards; Assistant, part time, Josephine Bartlett.

Enrollment for year; boys, 22; girls, 22; total, 44.

Number registered, fall term, 41. Average, 39.

Number registered, winter term, 43. Average, 37.

Number registered, spring term, 41. Average, 33.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal, fall term, Clare P. Hussey; Assistant, part time, Hortense Ward; principal, winter and spring terms, Elizabeth Purinton.

Enrollment for year; boys, 12; girls, 17; total, 29.

Number registered, fall term, 29. Average, 25.

Number registered, winter term, 24. Average, 18.

Number registered, spring term, 25. Average, 17.

PEJEPSCOT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Principal, Mrs. Nellie Ricker.

Enrollment for year; boys, 19; girls, 16; total, 35.

Number registered, fall term, 15. Average, 14.

Number registered, winter term, 30. Average, 26.

Number registered, spring term, 31. Average, 30.

PEJEPSCOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal, Alice G. Longley; Assistant, fall term, Elizabeth Purinton; winter and spring terms, Hortense Ward.

Enrollment for year; boys, 40; girls, 36; total, 76.

Number registered, fall term, 69. Average, 65.

Number registered, winter term, 49. Average, 44.

Number registered, spring term, 54. Average, 45.

TOPSHAM HEIGHTS

Hazel M. Noyes, teacher for year.

Enrollment for year; boys, 16; girls, 20; total, 36.

Number registered, fall term, 35. Average, 26.

Number registered, winter term, 33. Average, 26.

Number registered, spring term, 30. Average, 22.

BRANCH SCHOOL

Ethel M. Cushman, teacher for year.

Enrollment for year; boys, 5; girls, 9; total, 14.

Number registered, fall term, 12. Average, 11.

Number registered, winter term, 10.	Average, 8.
Number registered, spring term, 14.	Average, 11.

CATHANCE SCHOOL

Isabel D. Hutton, teacher for fall term; winter term, Nellie Hatch; spring term, Ella M. Hunter.	
Enrollment for year; boys, 8; girls, 15; total, 23.	
Number registered, fall term, 15.	Average, 14.
Number registered, winter term, 17.	Average, 12.
Number registered, spring term, 23.	Average, 18.

BRICK SCHOOL

Elizabeth E. Curtis, teacher for fall term; winter and spring terms, Minnie L. Douglas.	
Enrollment for year; boys, 10; girls, 14; total, 24.	
Number registered, fall term, 15.	Average, 13.
Number registered, winter term, 14.	Average, 12.
Number registered, spring term, 24.	Average, 17.

MIDDLESEX SCHOOL

Annie A. Williams, teacher for year.	
Enrollment for year; boys, 5; girls, 5; total, 10.	
Number registered, fall term, 9.	Average, 8.
Number registered, winter term, 7.	Average, 6.
Number registered, spring term, 8.	Average, 7.

MALLET SCHOOL

Mary E. Hanson, teacher for year.	
Enrollment for year; boys, 7; girls, 6; total, 13.	
Number registered, fall term, 11.	Average, 10.
Number registered, winter term, 12.	Average, 11.
Number registered, spring term, 12.	Average, 10.

HALEY SCHOOL

Janie Mountfort, teacher for year.	
Enrollment for year; boys, 4; girls, 8; total, 12.	

Number registered, fall term, 10.	Average, 8.
Number registered, winter term, 8.	Average, 6.
Number registered, spring term, 12.	Average, 9.

TEACHERS FOR FALL TERM, 1917

High School; Principal, Frederick O. Bartlett; Assistants, Jennie M. Reed, Adeline E. Drew.

Grammar School; Principal, Marion G. Strout; Assistant, Ethel T. Allen.

Intermediate School; Principal, Florence Neiley; Assistant, Josephine Bartlett.

Primary School; Principal, Elizabeth Purinton.

Pejepscot Grammar School; Principal, Mrs. Nellie Ricker.

Pejepscot Primary School; Principal, Alice G. Longley; Assistant, Ruth Ridley.

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Domestic Science, Mary S. Byrne.

Music, Mrs. C. A. Warren.

Drawing, Helen L. Varney.

Manual Training, Charles G. Wheeler.

RURAL SCHOOLS

Topsham Heights, Jessie M. Tarr.

Branch, Ethel M. Cushman.

Cathance, Ella M. Hunter.

Brick, Eva Soule.

Middlesex, Annie Williams.

Mallett, Mary Hanson.